ublic Works (1940) Department.

Ms. SERIES.

G.O. No. 2456,

Dated 12th November 1940.

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## [Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment - Temporary - Bellary Division - Plassey Barracks
'ks - Formation of a Sub-Division - Additional establishment -
ctioned.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*Received* .....

Establishment - temporary - Bellary Division - Plassey Barracks works - Reference:- G.O.No.2263 P.W. dated 22-10-1940.

*Station* Chepauk, Madras *Dated the* 25th October 1940

From (Name) H.R.Dogra Esq., B.Sc.

(Designation) Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(Genl.,Bldgs. and Roads)

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Department.

Mr. H.G.Jackson, Superintending Engineer designate, Bezwada circle saw me today on his way to Bezwada from Bellary in connection with the Plassey Barracks works and has handed over a note - a copy of which is enclosed.

The present position is that proposals for repairs and improvements to Blocks mentioned in the margin* including water supply and electrification, costing about Rs.45,500 have been approved by the Government. I have also approved of the proposal to effect certain improvements and repairs to blocks to be provided as quarters for the Jail Superintendent, 2 Sub Assistant Surgeons, Compounder and Electrician and have called for Estimates for submission to Government. This addition will increase the cost

cost of works to be done to Rs.51,400 approximately. There are besides proposals of the Jail Superintendent for erection of a new compound wall latrines quarantine isolation enclosures etc., on which a decision has yet to be taken. I had a joint discussion today with the Inspector-General of prisons and Mr.Jackson, and the Inspector-General of prisons is pressing for certain extra items for the reason that provision has to be made for a large number of internees.

3. The one supervisor sanctioned in G.O.No.2263 dated 22-10-1940 is therefore hopelessly inadequate for the work to be done, considering especially the speed and the local handicaps in which it is to be done. Even as early as September 1940 the Executive Engineer demanded the constitution of a Subdivision, but I did not recommend it then. The work has since increased in magnitude in view of the additional requirements now put forth by the Jail Department and it is not possible to ensure its being executed within the limited time stipulated without a special Subdivision and additional supervisor. In fact, owing to the unhealthy conditions prevailing just now in the locality which inevitably retard progress it may be even necessary to ask for additional supervisors. For the present I recommend strongly that the following Establishment may be sanctioned forthwith.

| | C.E's Recommendation |
|---|---|
| 1 | Assistant Engineer |
| 2 | Supervisors in addition to 1 sanctioned in G.O. No.2263 dated 22-10-1940. |
| 2 | Clerks for the Subdivision |
| 1 | Accounts clerk for the Division office |
| 4 | Peons |

for Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Copy of Mr.Jackson's note dated 24-10-40

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NOTE ON PLASSEY BARRACKS WORK.

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The requirements for the conv the Plassey Barracks into an Internment Camp have much exceeded the figure originally contemplated. Originally accommodation for 600 internees was contemplated, but now 1000 are to be provided for. Moreover the Superintendent of Bellary Central Jail now asks for additional buildings, which he considers necessary before the building can be brought into use. The original proposals were expected to cost about Rs.40,000/-, but the extension to accommodate increased numbers will run to Rs.71,000/-, and the additional requirements of the Jail Department run up the cost to Rs.92,000/-.

2. Obviously these expansions of the original scheme cannot be brought into effect without additional staff to execute the works. So far, by all sorts of local arrangements, doubling up Section charges from the various Sub-Divisions in the Division, by appointing leave-reserve Supervisors, and similar expedients, an average of three Supervisors have been maintained on the work, but in spite of night and day work in shifts, the progress in the estimating, measuring, and issuing of instructions on the work, has been inadequate to maintain the necessary speed. Work in the Sub-Division is also not going on properly, and the Division Office is also much in arrears. Lastly the arrangements have involved keeping regular work of the Division very largely in abeyance, and the staff at present diverted to assist the Plassey Barracks work must return to its regular duties. If work is to be completed at anything like the speed required, it requires the full time service of a Sub-Division. It is impossible to execute nearly a lakh's worth of work, including all the estimating, and a considerable porting of the work being departmental, in the space of 2 or three months, let alone the one month originally allotted. The actual outturn so far, (23 Calendar days) is Rs.7,500//-. with every possible effort. 75 hundred-page measurement books will be used up. Allowing 12 pages a day

day per Supervisor, the work will take four months for five Supervisors. The amount of work to be done is almost equivalent to that allotted to a normal Sub-Division for 12 months, and the work being mostly in the nature of repairs and alterations, requires about twice as much supervision per Rupee as a major work.

3 The locality is one where labour is extre limited in quantity and is also unintelligent a uninstructed. The area is suffering badly from malaria, and both labour and staff have much id time, so the work does not get on as it should. of the floating labour has already been absorbe the work. The place has a bad reputation with labour and importation of labour (with increase rates) to push on the work quicker, will be ver difficult. Rates considerably higher than Sche will have to be paid in that case.

4 The supply of new stone for the work has far not been a difficulty, as there has been so old stone lying about, that it has **met** all imme requirements. But the new requirements of the extended work will involve longer compound walls originally contemplated, and for this work new s alone will have to be used. The number of men available for quarrying is extremely limited, pa ticularly at this time of year. The rates found Schedule are unworkable both for supply and cart and the work is sure to give exceptional trouble

5 So far the Executive Engineer has been pe administering the work, but now that I have been and the Executive Engineer, T.P. Division is in charge, this is impossible, as he has of necessi

to be away a good deal of time at Hospet and beyond. This will result in the work being delayed. Under the present conditions of work and with the present staff, I estimate that the work cannot be finished within the current financial year, and the regular work of the Division will, in addition be jeopardised. Bellary Sub-Division alone has to spend Rs.96,000/- on its regular programme of work, and cannot do this with the staff largely diverted, as at present to the Plassey Barracks work.

6 The view of the Superintendent, Bellary Central Jail, is that the buildings cannot be occupied till all the works mentioned by him are complete and ready for use. I have some doubts as to this, but there is considerable indication that the work is going to be delayed far beyond the date originally contemplated for beneficial use, and unless adequate provision for the necessary staff is made immediately, I fear Government will take severe exception to the time taken to finish the work.

7 I enclose proposals for the staff required for the work to go on as quickly as possible, which is even then not as rapid as Government would like, but it is physically impossible to collect adequate labour and material and find the Contractors to get the work done any faster.

H. Guy Jackson
24/10/40

Executive Engineer

on joining time as Superintending Engineer, Bezwada.

SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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Enclosure to Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(General, Buildings and Roads)'s letter No.4718 Ad/40-1 dated 25th October 1940 to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

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PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR PLASSEY BARRACKS REFERRED TO IN THE NOTE

1 Assistant Engineer for 3 months.

5 Supervisors for 3 months.

1 Head-clerk for sub-division for 3 months.

1 Asst. Clerk for Sub-division for 3 months.

1 Draftsman for Division Office for 3 months

1 Accounts Clerk for Division Office for 3 months.

7 Peons for 3 months.

Sd.H.Guy Jackson

24-10-1940.

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No.4718 /AD-1 dated 25th October 1940 to the Secretary to Government, Public
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24-10-1940.

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P.W.Deptt

C.No. 3618B/40

From the C.E. (Gl. B+R) No. 4718A1/40-1 dt 25.x.40

Pp 1-2 of

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Box - P1

Establishment - Temprary - Bellary Dn. Plassey Barracks Works - Formation of a Sub Dn.

In the circumstances explained by the Chief Engineer in his letter on Pp 1-2 of a draft order Sanctioning the employment of Staff asked for by him is Submitted for approval. The C.E. has not mentioned the period for which the staff is required The period has been fixed at 3 months as mentioned in P 7 of The draft order may be sent to Home & Finance for acceptance.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 31 OCT 1940 FINANCE DEPT.

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Finance (E. I)

For carrying out the repairs and the improvements to the Plassey Barracks at Bellary

a staff of one supervisor and one peon was sanctioned till 30-11-1940 or the date of completion of the works - see G.O. No.2263 P.W. dated 22-10-1940. The Chief Engineer has now applied for the employment for a period of three months of the following additional staff which involves an extra cost of Rs 1,344:-

| | Cost per mensem |
|---|---|
| 1 Assistant Engineer | Rs. 190 |
| 2 Supervisors @ Rs.60 each | 120 |
| 2 clerks for the Sub Division @ Rs.30 each | 60 |
| 1 Accounts clerk for the Division office | 30 |
| 4 peons @ Rs. 12 each | 48 |
| | 448 |
| Total cost for 3 months | Rs. 1 344 |

It is stated that large sums of money aggregating Rs. 92,000 have to be spent on improvements to the barracks. The C.E. considers that it is not possible to ensure the work being executed within the stipulated time without the assistance of the above additional staff. The Public Works Department support the proposal.

2. In the circumstances explained in paras 2 and 5 of the Executive Engineer's note on pp. 3 & 4-5 C.F., Finance may agree to the employment of an Asst. Engineer. But a staff of 3 supervisors seems very excessive for the work on hand. It has since been reported that the total grant required for repairs and improvements to the barracks is Rs. 74,100 only. Besides, the Ex. Engineer has stated that labour is scarce in

the place and that the number of men available for quarrying work is extremely limited particularly at this time of the year. It is submitted that the mere employment of a large number of supervisors will not help the progress of work unless adequate measures are taken to procure or import labour. It would seem ample for the present to employ a staff of two supervisors under the Asst. Engineer. If this view is accepted it will be necessary to sanction only one supervisor in addition, instead of two asked for. The number of peons may be correspondingly reduced by one. Subject to the above remarks, the draft order may be accepted.

3. Funds.- The proposal involves the employment of a gazetted officer. But as the officer is to be employed only for a short period, viz. 3 months, it is not necessary to treat it independently as a 'new service'. It is presumed that the cost on account of the staff can be met by reappropriation.

5.11.40 7/11 P.W.D. P.W.D.

para 2 of the Fin note

If the recommendations of the Fin Deptt. are accepted, the draft below as revised is for approval.

para 3 of the Fin note

The note on the Supplementary estimate will be prepared by the Home Dept. to whom extract of the notes may be sent for necessary action, ~~after ascertaining from the C.E. if the cost could be met by reappropriation~~. A para has been added to the Draft

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C.F. 16.

# DRAFT FOR APPROVAL.

P. W. D

| | Date. | Initials. |
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| When received for fair copying .. | 29/12/41 | |
| When copied .. | 29/12/41 | |
| When examined.. | | |
| When signed .. | | |
| When despatched. | | |

SUBJECT :— Establishment - Temporary - Bellary Dn - Planey Barracks Works - Formation of a Sub Division - Additional establishment - Sanctioned.

READ AGAIN G.O. Ms. No. 2263 P.W. Dated 22-10-1940 ~~19~~ (k)

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READ *ALSO* :—

No. 3418B/40 From the C.E (G.B&R), No. 4718 Ad/40-1 dated 25.10.1940 hp 1-2

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Order ~~Resolution~~ ~~Rout.~~ Ms. No. 2456, dated 12-11-1940

hp 1-2 cf

In his proposals for additional staff for effecting repairs to the Planey Barracks, the C.E has recommended the employment of 2 Supervisors, and ~~expenses~~ The Govt. consider that

hp 2 cf.

hp 2 and 3 cf.

3 Supervisors (including the one already sanctioned) are excessive for the work on hand and that two Supervisors would be ample for the present.

~~Correspondence on the matter may be addressed by the~~

Subject to this modification, the Govt approve the proposals of the C.E and sanction the

employment of the following staff for 3 months :-

1 Asst. Engineer

1 Supervisor in addition to the Supervisor sanctioned in Govt. No. 2263 P.W.D. dd. 22.10.40 (K)

2 Lower division clerks for the Sub. Dn.

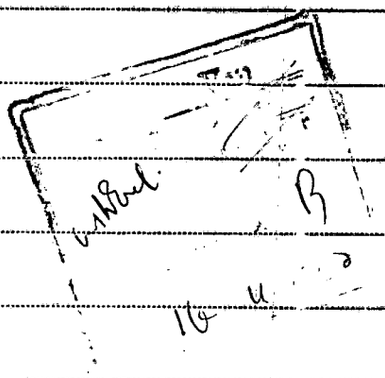
1 Accounts Clerk lower division for the Dn. Office

3 peons exclusive of the peon sanctioned in Govt. No. 2263 P.W.D. dd. 22.10.40 (K)

(2) This sanction is registered as Prov. No. 36 of 1940-41 and classified as "Establishment-Temporary".

K.P. 7.11.40

(3). The CE (Genl) is requested to report whether the extra cost can be met by reappropriation



C.E (Gr. & I) ✓

A.G. Hon'ble Finance Dept.

Finance Dept ✓

House Dept. (with extract quoting as Pt 3-4 Mf)

(Through usual channel for Pt B Mf to issue Pt A Mf)

F. 3: ...

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*Received* ..... *Registered*

From (Name) SRI RAO BAHADUR L.VENKATAKRISHNA AYYAR,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
(Designation) (General & Irrigation)

POST BOX 410, (STATION) Chepauk, Madras.

*Telegraphic Address* Quyadamica

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

*No.* 2349 B/40-1, *dated* 28th November *1940.*

Sir,

Establishment - Temporary - Bellary Division, Plassey Barracks Works - Formation of a Sub Division -

Ref: Para 3 of G.O.No.2456 P.W., dated 12-11-40.

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The extra cost on account of the establishment sanctioned in the G.O. referred to above can be met from probable savings in the existing provision under 50.e. Civil Works - E.Executive Establishments - I.Ordinary Areas.

ENCLOSURES .....

SPARE COPIES .....

for Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

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P. W. D

In the circumstances stated no action is necessary on the CE's letter overleaf. This may be filed with the G.O. (X)

OFFICE OF THE _____

*Dated* _____ 194 .

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# TELEPHONIC MESSAGE

From

The Chief Engr (General)

To

The Secretary P.W.D.

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Est — clerk — Plassey Barracks — Works

Ref: Mr Dogra's letter No 4718 AD/40-4

Dy 25-10-40.

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Mr E.E. Bellary Dn: reports that the above urgent work suffers very badly for want of addl Estt. asked for and ~~that~~ unless two supervisors are immediately posted this urgent work will be delayed. Pending the receipt of formal orders may I post

OFFICE OF THE _____

Dated _____ 194 .

_____ Hours _____ Minutes.

# TELEPHONIC MESSAGE

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2 supts: at once in anticipation of sanction for the demand in the letter referred to above

A ~~copy~~ of the E. E's letter is being ~~sent~~ enclosed with the D.C of this message and it explains the present stage of the works and the necessity for immediate sanction.

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Reply — 3693B/40-1 dy 16 4/40

Orders have been issued 12.11.1940 for the
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[illegible]

Yrs

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Maj

(Chief of Staff) 013 of the above Co-
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POST COPY OF TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General & Irrigation).

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Dated the 15th November 1940.

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Establishment for Plassey Barracks Works -

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Reference: Mr.Dogra's letter No.4718 Ad/40-1 dated 25-10-1940.

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The Executive Engineer, Bellary Division reports that the above urgent work suffers very badly for want of the additional establishment asked for and that unless two Supervisors are immediately posted, this urgent work will be delayed. Pending receipt of formal orders, may I post two Supervisors at once in anticipation of sanction for the demand in the letter referred to above.

A copy of the Executive Engineer's letter is being enclosed with the Post Copy of this message and it explains the present stage of the works and the necessity for immediate ~~sctaon.~~ Sanction

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No.4/1c Ad/40-2 dated 15-11-1940.

Copy by post in confirmation.

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(True Copy)

16.11.40

for Chief Engineer (General)

16/11/40.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Enc: 1 Copy of letter. (Confdl.)

the Staff asked for has been Sanctioned. What is

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Copy of D.O. No.Confdl.327 C dated 14-11-1940 of Sri ..S.Tirumalai Ayyangar, B.E., Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, to H.G.Jackson Esq., B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, Bezwada Circle.

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Subject: Plassey Barracks.

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I have been personally looking into the Plassey Barracks works and after I took charge, have sent up the scheme estimates and all the detailed estimates for works including the recent improvements decided upon at the Madras conference of the Inspector General of Prisons and Chief Engineer. Demands for final grant required ~~has~~ have also been made. The work on a few blocks has been completed. Fresh works have been started after settling tenders and some departmentally and the work on the recent suggested improvements will be started in a day or two. I am settling the tenders to-day. The works are in full swing. The supervising establishment is, as you are aware, utterly insufficient. The Sub Divisional Officer, Bellary is overworked. The works are so many and the details in each work are considerable. One leave Reserve Supervisor, one special supervisor and the Town works Supervisor are on the works and these are overworked. The Town works man is getting fever. The Anantapur Supervisor who was on the work is down with fever and I have sent him back to Anantapur as his stay here has been for over three weeks and the works in the Anantapur Section have been at a stand still. The need for additional establishment is very keenly felt now and if at least the two Supervisors recommended by the Chief Engineer, Buildings and Roads in his No.4718 Ad/40-1 dated 25-10-1940 to the Secretary to Government are posted immediately, there would be some relief. Otherwise, there is likely to be delay in completion of works. Measurements of works done are impossible as the Supervisors now on the works have not time even to go about the works giving detailed instructions. I am sending a copy of this D.O. to the Chief Engineer direct to enable him to understand the situation and take up with Government by phone and get orders, if orders have not been passed already on the additional establishment required.

No.328-C dated 14-11-1940.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings and Roads, Madras, for information and favour of necessary action immediately.

Sd. M.S. Thirumalai Ayyangar,
Executive Engineer,
Bellary Division.

P.W.D

A reply to the T.M. on p.5 cf. has already gone to the C.E. with reference to the original 1-3 cf. message. Please see p.4 cf. Only one Supervisor was sanctioned instead of the two asked for. Vide G.O. No. 2456 d. 12-11-40 at (N) Pl. 10-13 Secy

P. 18.11.40.

Has the progress report been received

the "special"

The progress report has just been received and is submitted in the linked file. - Vide pp 41-46 cf. in that fi

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